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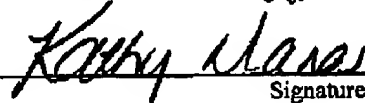
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DETERMINING CRITICAL TIMING
PATH SENSITIVITIES OF MACROS IN A
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In response to the restriction requirement that the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-8 and 16, i.e., the Group I claims.

Applicants also note that claim 16 is a claim to "means" for practicing the method claims set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder of

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the non-elected claims is required. See MPEP § 809.04. Claim 16 satisfies the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) for a linking claim. Thus, if claim 16 is found to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to have the remaining Group II claims (*i.e.*, 9-15) rejoined.

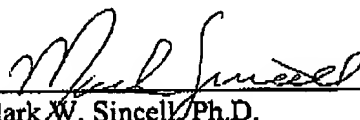
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